



Ohio Board of Motor Vehicle Repair

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"Mandatory Motor Vehicle Repair Registration for Window Tint Installers in Ohio"

As many of you have already been made aware, in December the 129th Ohio General Assembly passed in to law Senate Bill 114 (SB114). That new law, which will go in effect March 22, 2013, mandates our Board to register all window tint installation businesses operating within the State of Ohio.

On December 18, 1997, the 122nd General Assembly charged the Board with registering all Ohio collision repair facilities in Ohio Revised Code §4775, from the large, modern, well-equipped facilities, to the small, one-person, family-run backyard businesses. Our Board must compel compliance with all applicable zoning, fire, OSHA, EPA, taxation, worker's compensation, and unemployment regulations within all motor vehicle repair businesses subject to the Board's regulatory oversight. Prior to our Board, legitimate repair facilities were operating under radical pricing differences as compared to illegitimate, so called backyard shops. The playing field was unequal, and the consumer unprotected. Illegitimate repair operators were uninsured, not paying taxes, workers compensation, unemployment benefits, and costs associated with environmental protection compliance. The Board protects the consumer, while assisting the small business owners to remain competitive. We are the only State regulatory agency charged with overseeing the motor vehicle repair industry in Ohio.

The Board's vision was, and still is, to bring the industry into the 21st century, promote increased professionalism, enhance corporate responsibility, and most importantly better serve consumer demands as they pertain to quality motor vehicle repairs.

In August, 2003, auto glass replacement and repair, airbag replacement and repair, paintless dent repair, and mobile auto repair businesses were added to the Board's responsibilities.

The Board is currently made up of seven members, appointed by the Governor, with advice and consent of the Senate. Five of the Board members must be motor vehicle collision repair facility operators. One Board member must have expertise in motor vehicle mechanical repair, and one must be a representative of the public who has no financial interest in the motor vehicle repair industry. The Board meets four times a year, and Board members serve two, three-year terms. All Board meetings are open to the public and time is set aside at each meeting for public comment.

To begin compliance, window tint installers should visit our website at www.collisionboard.ohio.gov and click on the "Auto Repairers" link. There you can scroll down to the "Registration Application" link. Click on that and download and print the application instructions and application for new registration. Follow the instructions and fill out the application. Registration fees are \$225 per year based on the date we receive your original application. You are also required to provide a certificate of liability insurance, two photographs and the first application must be notarized.

A certificate will be mailed to you within a week to 10 days. That certificate must be displayed in public view, or in the case of mobile units, a copy of the certificate must be carried in the vehicle.

I encourage anyone with questions or concerns to please contact my office. You can also email me at mike.greene@crb.state.oh.us.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Greene, Executive Director

MISSION STATEMENT

Effectively and efficiently enforce Ohio laws by implementing Common Sense Initiatives to enhance consumer protection and promote industry growth and compliance.